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aggregating risk quotients relating to a financial institution to assess a level of politically identified risk to which the financial institution is exposed.

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3. The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the steps of: storing the information received, the risk quotient and the suggested action; and generating a diligence report.

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5. The method of claim 1 wherein the suggested action is additionally responsive to the information received.

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8. The method of claim 1 wherein the transaction comprises opening a financial account and the suggested action comprises blocking acceptance of the account.

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14. The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the step of calculating an average risk quotient associated with the transaction.

16. A computerized system for managing risk associated with a financial account, the system comprising:

a computer server accessible with a network access device via a communications network; and executable software stered on the server and executable on demand, the software operative with the server to cause the system to:

receive information relating to political exposure associated with a person involved in a financial transaction;

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structure the information received according to political exposure risk quotient criteria; calculate a risk quotient using the structured information;

generate a suggested action responsive to the risk quotient and directed towards reducing risk related to an account associated with a politically exposed person, the suggested action comprising at least refusing to perform the transaction and notifying an authority; and

aggregate risk quotients relating to a financial institution to assess a level of politically identified risk to which the financial institution is exposed.

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20. Computer executable program code residing on a computer-readable medium, the program code comprising instructions for causing the computer to:

receive information relating to political exposure associated with a person involved in a financial transaction;

structure the information received according to political exposure risk quotient criteria; calculate a risk quotient using the structured information

generate a suggested action responsive to the risk quotient and directed towards reducing risk related to an account associated with a politically exposed person, the suggested action comprising at least refusing to perform the transaction and notifying an authority; and

aggregate risk quotients relating to a financial institution to assess a level of politically identified risk to which the financial institution is exposed.

21. A computer data signal embodied in a digital data stream comprising data relating to risk management, wherein the computer data signal is generated by a method comprising the steps of:

receiving information relating to political exposure associated with a person involved in a financial transaction;

structuring the information received according to political exposure risk quotient criteria; calculating a risk quotient using the structured information;

generating a suggested action responsive to the risk quotient and directed towards reducing risk related to an account associated with a politically exposed person, the suggested action comprising at least refusing to perform the transaction and notifying an authority; and

aggregating risk quotients relating to a financial institution to assess a level of politically identified risk to which the financial institution is exposed.

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